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H.S.R. No. 26

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS,

'Twas the eve before Session, when all through the House
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The desks were all ready, machines all plugged in
Ready and waiting, roll call to begin.

The Members not nestled all snug in their bed
Met at the Deck Club, to plan far ahead.
But estimable Carl Parker, and one other chap,
Kept talking and talking, not caring a rap.

Came a lull in their voices, there rose a great clatter,
We leaped to our feet, to see what was the matter.
Carl stood arms akimbo, face red as a rash,
"It's my birthday," he said, "and I'm all for a bash!

"It seems that you and my colleagues so true,
Always get the glory, and leave me to stew!
A birthday is celebrated, congratulations read,
And I grin and bear it, and wish I were dead!

"Can I help the month the stork picked for me?
How did he know a House Member I'd be,
With sessions in winter and into the spring,
But never in summer to give me my fling?

"I want a birthday, I want to be choice,
To be told I am great--in a big, loud, voice."

The hush in the room brought us all to our senses,
We felt downright mean, sans all good defenses,
When we looked at pal Parker, a pretty good Joe,
Whom we had been treating too much like a foe.

His usual demeanor, so happy and merry,
His cheeks like pink roses, his nose like a cherry,
His broad, friendly mouth curled up in a grin,
Laugh wrinkles wreathing his indomitable chin.

His broad, cheery face and little round belly,
Ashake with his laughs like a bowlful of jelly.
Chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
Now age 35, in spite of himself.

So this 6th day of August, 1969,
We want Carl to know, we think he's divine.
We want him to feel, he's a prince of a man,
A fellow who's really one of the clan!

1 Happy Birthday, dear Carl,
2 You're a gallant, white knight,
3 Happy Birthday, dear Carl,
4 You're quite out of sight!

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6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
8 61st Legislature, 1st Called Session, dedicate this birthday
9 message, with all good wishes and apologies to Clement Clarke
10 Moore, to our friend and colleague, the Honorable Carl Parker of
11 Port Arthur.
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Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

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By Sheldon, et al

HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION

to dedicate this birthday message to the Honorable Carl Parker
of Port Arthur.

DATE AUG 6 1969

READ AND ADOPTED

Dorothy Hallman
CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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